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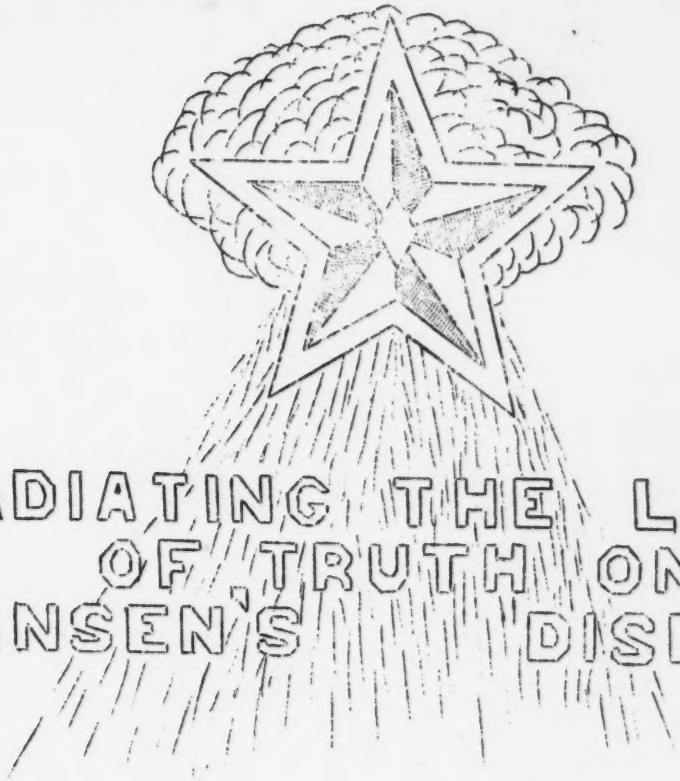

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Meeting the Emergency.

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DR. PREJEAN HEADS LOCAL RED CROSS DRIVE

Dr. Bernard M. Prejean is in charge of the current American Red Cross War Relief Drive. Wards 4 and 5 which comprise the whole area on the East side of the river, including the hospital, Carville, St. Gabriel, and surrounding vicinities, each have a quota of $200 or a total of $400 for both. So there's work ahead!

The patients are cooperating in the Red Cross Drive and the Woman's Club is in active charge. Miss Marie, of House 19, has been appointed chairman and her committee is now busy promoting this worthy cause. Members of the committee will be in daily attendance in a booth in the cafeteria to receive your contributions.

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BATON ROUGE FORTY AND EIGHTERS PLAY SANTA CLAUS TO LOCAL KIDDIES

Carrying out their annual custom, the Baton Rouge Voiture of the 40 & 8, American Legion, gladdened the hearts of our youngsters with a generous cash gift for Christmas. Richard, Margie, Kay, Arthur and Esperanza were the recipients. Those who motored here from Baton Rouge the Sunday proceeding Christ mas bearing the good will and generosity of the 40 & 8 included B.L. Spann, D.J.Smith, G.B. Kleinpeter, A.W. Pender, and Frank Nosom.

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REGIONAL SECRETARY OF THE AMERICAN MISSION AND WIFE VISIT HERE

The Rev. and Mrs. Geo. C. Southwell of Cleveland, Ohio were the guests of the Station and of the Rev. and Mrs. Clifton Rash over the New Year. Mr. Southwell is the regional Secretary of the American Mission in Cleveland, Ohio, office and, also of the Los Angeles, California, office. This is the third visit Mr. and Mrs. Southwell have made to Carville. Five years ago they spent New Year here and a year ago last October they again stopped over to visit here. They see many changes now.

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The Beta Tau Mu Pre-Medical Society of L.S.U. will sponsor a series of programs to be presented here later.

HOW WE CAN HELP

The stunned surprise which followed the announcement that the United States had been attacked by an enemy power and the indignation which followed, has now begun to give way to grim determination that cost what it may in blood, toil and treasure, we will keep faith with ourselves and our fathers and live as free men under the government of our own choosing.

With this resolve and with the words of Knudsen in our ears, that all must either work or fight, the men and women in the hospitals may feel that once more they are out of the main stream of life and condemned to sit idly by while the greatest struggle in American history is going on.

To think so is to miss the real meaning of the past few days and years. This is total war and its impact will be felt in the lives of every man, woman and child now living. The issue will be determined by the manner in which the individual citizens of the nations now at war meet the challenge of this time.

You are going to hear much discussion of this under the general term of morale.

But what can I do about this-you ask. I can't carry a gun or enlist in the navy. I can't work on an assembly line or drive an ambulance. That's true, but your job is just as important as any of these. In fact, it isn't one job, it's a number of jobs.

A few days ago some of us had the opportunity of talking to a group of people, men and women who are active in civilian defense work in the New Orleans and Baton Rouge areas. We asked them, "What can we here in Carville do to help?" They replied that those of us who are financially able should buy Defense Bonds and Stamps, and buy them regularly. They spoke of the splendid showing that the Carville patients have made in the past by their contributions to the Red Cross and U.S.O. and that they felt sure we would again do our part in the present Red Cross War Relief Drive. "Above all else," they continued, "keep up your morale." That, we know, has been emphasized in Carville, under normal conditions, but in this emergency it is

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even more important, for by maintaining a high morale, you set an example for all of us. It is probable that the people in the busy, workaday world will undergo more deprivations than you here in the hospital, and so, by writing cheerful letters and relieving them of worry about you, you can help them."

Another job which all may do is to help the hospital and its personnel in every way possible. We are going through a period during which practically all hospitals will be understaffed, especially with doctors and nurses. It will not be easy, at best, to administer your hospital properly under war conditions. But if every patient considers it his patriotic duty to cooperate in every possible way, the necessary readjustments can be made more easily. It may be that all that will be asked of you is to accept economies cheerfully and to use supplies carefully. In any case, the Medical Officer in Charge will be glad to know that you, as patients, are aware of the national emergency and willing to do your part to help.

Another task which is laid upon all of us is learning to share. Everyone is going to have to do without things in the next few years--not all of them material things either. Americans have been accused often of too great an interest in possessions. Perhaps we have--certainly we have had more of them than any people in recorded history. But we cannot build battleships and planes and guns in our factories and continue to have all the things we like. There will be fewer things and much less money to buy them. So we all must learn to share what we have with each other.

Finally, there is our hardest task--the one we share with every citizen of our country. This is to stick to facts, to disregard rumors, to have courage and to share courage with our neighbors. It is easy to become an alarmist and to lose faith. You can infect others with a state of mind more easily than you can with disease.

When things look black, remember Valley Forge, remember Bull Run, remember the Marne. We are a tough people; we are fighting for our dearest possession and we will not be beaten! (Continued on Col. 2)

MINSTREL SHOW COMING NEXT SUNDAY AFTERNOON

We are to have a treat, and what a treat! A real, old-fashioned minstrel show, just chock full of comedy, music and dancing will be presented in the theater on Sunday afternoon, January 18 at 2:00 P.M. This show is being brought here by Marine Hospital Post 188, for the entertainment of all the patients. The hospital personnel is cordially invited. The minstrels are presented by the Benevolent Knights of America under the auspices of Voiture Locale #108, Forty and Eight, of the American Legion, New Orleans. Arrangements for the local presentation were made by Commander Frank Allen through Dr. Roelling.

THE PROGRAM

Part 1

Edwin I. Soule-------Interlocutor

End Men

John Cohen	Louis Fisher
Eddie Manix	Henry Burkart

Ballads

Freddie Barocco	Adrian Miller
Clifford Habighorst	A.J. Paratore
Crawford Carroll	Gerald Fatzer

Instrumentalists

Frank Alessi, Jr.
Dominick Baracoco

Part 2

"YOU'RE IN THE ARMY NOW"
A one-act skit by John Cohen

The Cast

Willie "Do Nothing"-------John Cohen
Sam No Sir----------Louis Fisher
Recruiting Officer--------Edwin Soule
Scene: Any Place--Anywhere--Now
Director----------John Cohen
Musical Director----------Miss E.O'Neill
Electrical Effects--------S. Emanuel,Jr.
Stage Manager----------George Parr
General Manager----------Edwin I. Soule

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In the words of Winston Churchill the leader of the British people who have shown the world what courage can do, "Come then; let us to the task, to the battle, to the toil, each to our part, each to our station. Only thus will we share in the victory!"

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THANK YOU, DOCTOR!

Dr. Faget's splendid article, COURAGE, which appeared in the December issue of THE STAR, was hailed with enthusiasm by the patients. The demand for this issue was so great that it was soon exhausted, everyone desiring to send copies to their relatives, friends, and physicians "Back home." The general comment was, why can't we have more articles of this kind from authoritative sources, to combat and correct the continuos stream of erroneous publicity on Hansen's Disease (Leprosy). In communications to the Editor, many of our outside readers praised Dr. Faget's article. One friend who has long manifested a very special interest in our problems wrote, "I was especially interested in Dr. Faget's article. That sort of facts, it seems to me, is what the public needs. A friend of mine, a well-known newspaper woman, wrote me a propos my telling her of Carville, 'But aren't you afraid? Do be careful.' It is astounding to me how many people still are uninstructed regarding Hansen's. THE STAR is doing such splendid work in removing this ignorance. And, of course, all this medieval fear is the result, not of unkindness or lack of sympathy, but just of ignorance. Ignorance can be so easily cured, and for this articles like Dr. Faget's are the right sort of 'Healers.' You remember Goethe's dying words? 'More light, more light.' That is what the world NEEDS. More light on so many of its problems. God bless All of you who are working so nobly in THE STAR to bring more light to bear upon the darkness of IGNORANCE."

During 1942, THE STAR will continue to disseminate knowledge on Hansen's Disease and we are grateful to Dr. Faget for his contribution to this work. We feel that with more help of this kind the public will become more conversant with the real facts.

One of our patients, Mr. E.D. Lewison, has given us permission to print the letter which he wrote to Dr. Faget in appreciation of his article. We believe this letter (which follows) expresses the general feeling of the patient body.

Dr. G. H. Faget,
Medical Officer in Charge,
U.S.Marine Hospital, Carville, La.

Dear Sir:--This letter is a sincere expression of my gratitude and appreciation for your article appearing in the December issue of the STAR, and the manner in which you treated, so very frankly and truthfully, this disease and the attendant ignorance and fear

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that remains in the minds of the public generally and unfortunately in the minds of relatives and friends of the majority of afflicted individuals.

Statements such as those contained in this article, emanating from one so sure of their correctness, should and undoubtedly will be a great help in allaying and dispelling that fear and its attending stigma concerning this disease, that has so ignorantly and stubbornly existed over the centuries. Your statements serve as a splendid opening gun for what let us pray shall be a persistent fight to the finish to accomplish, what for so many years has been the hope and sincere effort on the part of some of the patients here and in other parts of the world, and the men and women having had direct contacts and experiances with this disease and those so afflicted, knowing the injustice and cruelty of the public in this regard.

We who are suffering these injustices are so well aware of the absolute absence of any fear on the part of the present or past members of the Staff of this Institution, the Sisters or the scores of men and women employed and comprising the Personnel. Their presence and daily contacts with patients during periods of service, ranging from a few years to more that twenty years respectively, and in many cases both their families and children have been and are now housed only a few hundred yards from the Infirmary and other buildings housing all patients, without a record of a single case of the disease developing among such persons during the entire history of the operation of this colony, is the very positive proof of your statements.

I sencerely pray that your appeal to the patients for absolute and united effort with the Staff members, in this fight for freedom from the bondage of this stigma and ignorance will be evidenced immediately, and also that articles such as yours may follow, from other members of the Staff, some of the Sisters, and men and women of the Personnel, whose records of service and experiences here I have refered to in preceeding paragraph, informing the public who so need such information, regarding this disease and those afflicted who are still considered to be such menaces.

There are others whose articles would be of inestimable value in this campaign, namely, those specialists whose experiences with this institution and its patients, by constant and regular weekly or monthly visits, to treat said patients, has been their custom for many years, some of them dating back to the period prior to 1921, when this became a Government Hospital.
True statements from such individuals, concerning this disease and those afflicted should be forthcoming, and I pray shall in the very near future, be received.

In closing allow me to repeat my appreciation of this article and numerous manifestations on your part to be helpful to every unfortunate soul confined here, both as the Medical Officer in Charge and sincere friend, and with best wishes to you for all good things always, in all ways, I am

Gratefully yours
E. D. Lewison

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Receipts from Subscriptions:	
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November	8.65
December	4.20
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Subscription blanks	1.25
	$ 29.85
Cash on hand	$ 43.55
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(signed)
Charles Lawrence
Business Manager

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Single copies of THE STAR will be on sale in the Library at 5¢ each.

PROTESTANT CHURCH NOTES

The Protestant Memorial Chapel was the scene of many activities during the Yuletide season.On Wednesday afternoon December 24, the Annual Gift Service was held, each person receiving gifts from the American Mission and from interested friends living at distant points. The Council of Church women of New Orleans prepared and sent six hundred pounds of candy, which was distributed to all the patients, After the singing and worship service, those present were delighted with the Christmas recitations by Richard and Margie Williams. The church was decorated with poinsettias and Christmas greens, and a large, lighted tree was at the rear of the church.

On Christmas morning at 9:30 o'clock a worship service of joy and praise was held with a good attendance.

The passing of the old year and the coming in of the new was marked with a Watch Night service. Mrs. McGhee of Baton Rouge presided at the organ and Mr. Ed Roberts of Baton Rouge led the singing. Special guests were the Rev. and Mrs. Geo. C.Southwell of Cleveland, Ohio and Miss Faline McGhee of Baton Rouge. The New Year message was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Southwell, who presented a word bouquet of sweet peas from the Twenty-third Psalm.

In compliance with the proclamation of President Roosevelt that America observe the first day of 1942 as a day of prayer, a special prayer service was held in the chapel at 9:30 Thursday morning.

The Young People's Group from L.S.U. directed by the Rev. J.M.Gregory, were here on the afternoon of Sunday,December 21. Christmas carols were sung and several numbers, vocal and instrumental were given. A bit of good news is that the Rev. Mr. Gregory will bring a group of young people the afternoon of the third Sunday of each month.

The New Protestant Chaplain, the Rev. Clifton E. Rash and his wife are very happy in their new work and very much pleased with the fine reception they have received, from both the patients and the personnel of the Station.Coming into their new work so close to the Christmas time they were very busy with the unaccustomed duties. They wish to thank all who so generously cooperated in making the new work easier for

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INSTALLATION SERVICE

The Rev. Clifton E. Rash was installed as resident chaplain of the Protestant Memorial Chapel here on the afternoon of Sunday, December 14, at an impressive service under the auspices of the East Baton Rouge Ministerial alliance.

The order of service included:

The Doxology

The Apostles' Creed , led by the Rev. George W. Provost, Asst. Rector St. James Episcopal Church, Baton Rouge.

The Gloria

Invocation, The Rev. Avery Lee, Baptist Student Pastor, L.S.U.

Hymn

Responsive Reading, Mr. Ford H. Longsdorf, Executive for the Istrouma Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Scripture Lesson, The Rev. J. M. Gregory, Student Pastor at L.S.U. and the First Presbyterian Church, Baton Rouge.

Worship through Music, duet by the Rev. Glenn Hutton, Pastor of the Baton Rouge Christian Church and Mrs. Hutton.

Announcements, Dr. Eugene R. Kellersberger, New York City, Secretary to the American Missions.

Sermon and Charge to the new Chaplain, Dr. Kellersberger.

Welcome to the new Chaplain, Jesse Record.

Acceptance of Charge, The Reverend Clifton E. Rash.

Benediction, The Rev. Clifton E. Rash.

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VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. L.L. McCormick of Destrehan, La. were greeting their many friends here on Saturday, December 13.

Mrs. McCormick (Steve) returned again on Sunday, December 21, accompanied by Mrs. Joseph Imbornone and party of friends of New Orleans. Mrs. Imbornone is prominently identified with the DAV Auxiliary of New Orleans.

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them. They want to become acquainted with all as soon as possible and to continuously do a work of true Christian ministry.

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This page is for "Ladies Only" but there's no way to stop the men folk from peeking.

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STAR STAFF PARTY

Stanley Stein entertained the Staff of the Star on December 29 at his cottage. A huge Christmas tree was in the living room with gifts for all. Games suggestive of newspaper work furnished diversion. Everything was very "Christmasy" even to the refreshments. Those of us who missed the party feel we have something to regret, but then we couldn't be two places at once.

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DINNER PARTIES

House 19-1 has entertained with two dinner parties lately. The first was on the occasion of the Feast of Guadalupe and the second during the Christmas holidays.

Each dinner was for about forty guests. All the popular Mexican dishes were served and after dinner music and dancing were enjoyed by all.

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NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

A large number of the patients ga - thered in the ballroom to see old man 41 out and welcome the young 42 in. Kid Dime's Orchestra brought with them ten entertainers and we had a variety of dance numbers, comedy acts, and songs. The crowd was gay and as midnight approached noise-makers, serpentine, confetti and bright hats were distributed to all. The girls evening gowns were for the most part in the winter colors, black, navy, wine, purple, ashes of roses, American beauty, light blue and many combinations of long black skirts and evening blouses. Happy New Year was noisly shouted by all to the tune of Auld Lang Syne, and now we want to wish to each and every one of you the happiest of Happy New Years.

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STYLE NOTES

Lend an ear this way, girls!

I've just returned from a grand Texas vacation, and I rode around several evenings window shopping with all of you in mind. Like to know what I saw?

The most popular attire for Spring will be coatsuits, and what gay ones, large plaids in combinations of pink and grey, mustard and green, brown and maroon. I saw one dark yellow tailored suit with a dark brown blouse, one solid grey with a navy blue wiast, and the plaid suits for the most part had either beige or white blouses. Solid color flannel skirts with bright plaid coats are, also, very stylish. The leading colors in dresses were oatmeal beiges through to the golden brown tones and grey blue. Much flowered rayon was on display and white waffle pique is very popular, being shown in both street and evening dresses. The hats are perky little things with flimsy little veils, purses are very large, gloves are long(gauntlet style). purses are large and many shoes are displayed in military brown.

We need have no concern this season about the lack of beauty shops here for straight hair is the vogue. Some of my girl friends expressed the opinion that it was downright unpatriotic to spend money on curls if you could possibly dress your own hair neatly.

Sorry you could not all be with me but I am glad I can tell you about it.

Holiday Highlights

Shades of D'Artagnan! What trio in Carville answers to the name of The Three Musketeers? A letter, probably a Christmas greeting, arrived during the holidays from New Bedford, Mass., addressed to The Three Musketeers, U. S. Marine Hospital, Carville, La.. Mrs. Smith, according to last reports, was still trying to locate the bold adventurers.

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"An apple for the teacher," so said the students of the Maude Thomas Memorial Night School for Adults, when giving their instructor, Jack Weir, a huge, rosy-red apple for a Christmas gift. But this was merely a prelude to presenting him with a handsome Parker fountain pen and pencil set in appreciation of his work.

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An interesting item comes from Algiers, La., concerning the poem, THE APPARITION, written by one of our discharged patients and published in the December issue of THE STAR. This beautiful poem was selected as a reading by one of the participants in the Christmas program given in Algiers and was warmly received.

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A few hours before the presentation of the Nativity Play on Christmas Eve, Buddy, who had one of the speaking parts, ran headlong into a truck while riding his bicycle, getting badly shaken up, a bruised eye, and a cut lip; however, undaunted, he went on with his part, displaying the spirit of a real trouper---the show must go on!

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Ignacio Gastelum believes in a fellow being his own Santa Claus and was proudly showing his brand new Lafayette radio to friends during the holidays.

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The gaily decorated Christmas tree in lobby of the Recreation Building was the artistic work of the Staff artist of THE STAR, Robert, and was much admired by visitors.

The annual Christmas party tendered by the young people of this institution was held in the Music Room on Monday afternoon, December 22. It was a festive, beautifully decorated table that met the eyes of the 18 guests who had long anticipated the occasion. Many gifts were received, jolly games furnished diversion, and a program of readings and songs was presented, a string orchestra played and the refreshments were bountiful. Each young guest was given a goblet as a souvenir, carrying out the yearly custom.

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Kay, one of our youngsters, was sure that Santa Claus would bring him a bicycle. The bike came all right, but the big "boys" in House 20-2, bent on having a little fun, hid the bike and substituted a velocipede, borrowed from Richard for the purpose. Kay, who has reached the ripe old age of 10, had a terrific, temporary let down when he caught sight of what he termed "sissy stuff!" When the brand new, shining bike was brought out, he was too excited to talk and wouldn't even attempt to ride it for several hours.

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The many beautiful poinsettias, scarlet-red and growing in gaily decorated pots, seen about the place during the holidays, gave a brilliant decorative touch. The flowers were the gift of the Grand Voiture of Louisiana, 40 and 8, American Legion, to the Veterans here.

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True to his annual custom, Chef Clayton's Christmas and New Year's dinners, were works of culinary art. Succulent roast turkey, special stuffing, cranberry sauce, mince pie and all other good things that usually grace a holiday table were there.

BOUQUETS

We have received two or three copies of your little magazine and want to say to you how much we have enjoyed them. We are placing them around for our patients here to read and I am sure they will enjoy them. I wish for you every success.

Again complimenting you on your style of writing, the information you give out, and the general optimism expressed in this, I am,

Sincerely,

Henry Boswell, M.D.
Mississippi State Sanatorium, Sanatorium, Miss.

I value the STAR for its informative material and you gentlemen for the trouble you take to get it out.

Watson B. Miller,
Associate Administrator,
The Federal Security Agency,
Washington, D. C.

Have enjoyed all issues of THE STAR, but November was the best. I send them to my brother John at Catholic University at Washington, D. C.

I love Ann Page's column; and those essays on Americanism are grand.

You guys and gals at Carville have no idea how far the STAR is traveling or what good teachings it is giving pupils in Colleges and Universities. Keep it up!

Anna E. Mars,
Philadelphia, Pa.

I have received the two copies of your most interesting publication, and I wish to compliment you upon the attractive way it is gotten out.

J. Y. Sanders, Jr.,
6th District Congressman from Louisiana, Washington, D. C.

The STAR is a real paper and one that is needed.

B. L. Spann, Baton Rouge, La.

Received my Christmas issue of THE STAR, and it gets better with each issue. The paper is most cleverly gotten up, and certainly gives the public an outlook on the Colony there and on leprosy entirely different to what is generally felt. I do wish that it was possible for every citizen to have a copy of your paper. Dr. Faget's article in this issue is especially enlightening.

Your 'pen and ink' artist is the best. Those are the grandest little sketches, and those meant to be beautiful, are just what they are intended to be, really beautiful. I do like the bells and holly on the outside cover of this issue. It is most gracefully and delightfully drawn.

Above all, I like what your paper does for me. We who feel the imps of fear, horror, doubt and weakness knocking at our consciousness and hearts should take a lesson from you, for your uncomplaining courage and loyalty to each other, your patriotism and contribution to the outside world should be a challenge and inspiration to us to carry on our duties of citizenship and Americanism with a high heart.

Let the light of the STAR continue to gleam!

Mrs. G. S. Knox,
Hosston, Louisiana

It does not need the Christmas season to bring "THE STAR" -- <u>your</u> Star, <u>our</u> Star -- to mind. I receive, read and applaud it most eagerly, and then promptly send it on to someone else.

Sister Catherine
Normandy, Mo.

Knowing things as they are, I'd like every person in this country to read THE STAR and to understand the courage and faith and hope that is behind it.

Mrs. Walter Simmons
Covington, La.

Being a nurse I enjoy the STAR very much.--Mabel Potter, Kansas City, Mo.

UNCLE JIM SEZ- -

Japs is funny varmints.

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Today is th' only one we kin call our own. So if we have hit in mind to cheer up some other feller, do hit today, for thar ain't no tomorrow.

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The sun stood still fer Joshua; Time turned back fer Hezekiah; but who in th' heck is going to stop Hitler?

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Some folks writ me wantin to know who is th' "Shack Bully" over thar in Texas.
Waal, she is a gal I married nigh on to 40 years ago, an' have been lettin' her think ever since thet she is bossin' me around. Even thet doesn't keep me out of th' Dawg House now and then.

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Lulabell got cured, discharged, an' went home. Thet makes four of my best gals t' get discharged th' last four years. Doc Jo sed he wuz goin' to put up a sign reading: Any gal wantin' t' get a discharge real quick, jest go t' hangin' round with thet ole reprobate called "Uncle Jim"!
Doc is such a onery critter sometimes I think him and th' Shack Bully has framed up t' take my gals away from me. Thet don't rile me none, fer hit makes me happy when they get cured and go home to stay.

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I axed a black boy thet works round here, if he warn't reddy to git hisself a uniform and gun and go after ole Hitler. He sed, "No suh, Uncle Jim! Ah looks better in overalls an' I don't need a gun." But thet boy packs a razor.

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Ole Hitler never tole th' truth but once thet I knows of. Thet wuz when he writ thet book o' hissen. He tole th' world what wuz in his twisted mind, but everybody jest laffed.
When a rattlesnake rattles you had better be prompt to heed the warnin'.

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Ole Mussolini got shot 'n wounded a little a short time back. Waal, the only thing I seed wrong with that shooting wuz: Hit should abin a Texas ranger pullin' the trigger.

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Our Uncle Sam has got a hull passel of Defense Bonds and Stamps fer sale

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SCIENCE SPEAKS

Compiled by Joe Ruano

It is reported that there are more than 4700 species of grasses in the world. At least fifty of these are all too abundant in Carville. We have, among others, crab-grass, dog-tail grass, and the pesky stink-weed. Where there's smoke there's fire, and where there's grass, there are bugs, and Carville is no less than an entomologist's paradise. Bugs to the right of us, bugs to the left of us----red bugs, ticks, beetles, grasshoppers, ants (hordes of them), roaches (squadrons of them), and armies of mosquitoes, so that one dares not venture beyond the confines of screen protection. All bugs subsist on juices derived from animal and plant matter; however, the varieties Carvillus seem to have fiendish appetites for human flesh.

When grass is cut down and left exposed to the elements, i.e., rain, sun, and wind, it decomposes and gives forth odors that smell to the high heavens. We know there's more truth than poetry in this statement because when grass is cut here it is left where it falls. If it were cut and regularly hauled away to the dump and burned, then Hemiptera (bugs, to you) would be far less plentiful and mosquitoes especially would decrease in number and thereby malaria, a constant threat here, would stand little chance of rearing its ugly head.

It has been said that the grass is always greener on the other side of the fence, and gazing over the low privet hedge that serves as a boundary line we note that the grass is not only greener but cut and cared for so well that it resembles a velvet carpet. There ain't no justice, there ain't.

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Let's buy all we kin 'n help our ole Uncle "slap the Jap off the map". Don't forgit what them leetle yaller varmins done to our folks at Pearl Harbor.

If we put ennuff leetle puny mites together they make a mountain o' strength. Come on, fellers, let's put them together 'n make ole "Adolph destruction" chaw up another carpet

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LIGHTLY LOCAL

"You are my Sunshine"----Cake

"The way to a man's heart is thru his stomach", so Miracle had been told. Feeling very domestic one morning, she borrowed a small oven and began preparations for a SUNSHINE cake. (Maybe she hoped to warm his heart a bit). The recipe was followed carefully and everything was in the batter except the extract. Grace was watching the proceedings with a great deal of interest and graciously offered some of her extra strong, pure vanilla extract. The recipe called for one teaspoonful, but this was extra quality so the girls decided a tablespoonful would give it a much better flavor. Impatiently they watched it bake, and waited for it to cool enough to sample. Miracle was glowing with pride at her accomplishment---she had visions of the even yellow texture of a SUNSHINE cake. The result? Oh, that is a sad story-- the cake turned out to be a CLOUDY cake from too much vanilla, so instead of warming his heart with sunshine, we are afraid his spirits were dampened by the clouds.

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CHEESY

When planning the party for the STAR staff Stanley Stein decided that each gift should be a little bit of a joke. Guava jelly for a Cuban, Elderberry jam for Elda, La Cuite syrup for Betty and Harry, meatballs and spaghetti for Mike(an Italian), papaya for Joe(who lived in Hawaii long ago), but he did not plan on the joke being on him. The room was very smelly, and not Christmas smells either. When Stanley was given his gift (which he did not expect being host) it was a package of the worst smelling cheese you can imagine. The reason--because, in the summer when we plan nice, cold, sweet smelling suppers he insists on Limburger cheese for himself. If you are going to dish it out, Stanley, you will have to take it, too.

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Our several new Florida patients, while being shown hospitality from old patients, feel like it's a cold reception. Been freezing here all week long.

NATIVITY PLAY

The Nativity Play, the most artistic ever staged here, put the real spirit of Christmas into the hearts of all who saw it. The concealed choir softly sang SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT as the red curtains slowly parted, revealing a brown-robed Franciscan monk seated at a table. As the story was shown in fifteen episodes and tableaux, the monk, who saw it all as in a vision, narrated the events of that wondrous night. The scenes were interspersed by the singing of the Christmas carols, old but ever new, by the choir, who remained hidden until the final tableau, with the entire cast and the Manger Scene on the stage, while all sang the beautiful VENITE ADOREMUS.

The costuming was authentic, due to much study and research, and they were designed and made here. The screen in the background displayed slides of real pictures of Bethlehem and the Holy Land. The costumes, slides, and beautiful lighting effects were an awe-inspiring spectacle.

Many nationalities were represented in the cast. Since the message of Christmas was for the whole world this seemed most fitting and added to the beauty of the play. The audience was most appreciative of the acting and singing, but the finest tribute of all came from the Catholic Chaplain, who began his Midnight Mass Sermon by saying that for those who had witnessed the Nativity Play a sermon was superflous, all the beauty and solemnity of the Christmas season had been seen and heard.

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DEFENSE STAMP DRIVE

The patients have banded together for the purpose of buying Defense Stamps on a regular monthly basis. The idea of planning our orders for stamps collectively was conceived by "Uncle Jim", and each month, immediately after payday, colunteer workers will collect individual orders. Miracle Fito and Mrs. Harry Martin are soliciting orders and are meeting with great success in the initial effort. The present order of stamps is to be on hand by the middle of the week.

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PERSONNEL PERSONALS

Mary E. Browne

On the afternoon of Wednesday, December 10, many of the personnel called at the Chaplain's quarters to meet and welcome Rev. and Mrs. C.E. Rash, who lately have come to make their home in our midst, and to greet Dr. and Mrs. Kellersberger, who were visiting here.

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Christmas was in evidence on the station, in the decorations which were carried out at the various homes. Colored lights were displayed before many homes, and Christmas trees twinkled. Two mammoth lighted candles, with festive green lighted shrubs, gave Christmas welcome to visitors at the quarters of the Medical Officer in Charge, Dr. G.H.Faget; a single red lighted cross in the attic window, with lighted shrubs about the place, and a Christmas tree lighted in a window of the first floor living room, marked the home of Chaplain Rash. A snow-decked, blue-lighted tree was lovely on the porch of the Tices. At the home of Mike Nicolosi, a crescent with "Merry Christmas" inscribed on it, and hooked up with lights on the shrubs about the place, blinked on and off in rotation, while indoors, festooning and a rotating tree said "Seasons Greetings!"

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There was a Christmas party at the quarters of the Medical Officer in Charge on the afternoon of Friday, December 26 to which Santa Claus and 23 youngsters of the station were invited, and we can report that a grand time was had by all--even Santa Claus!

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Dr. and Mrs. G.H.Faget had "open house" on the afternoon of January 1. The home was lovely with cut flowers and poinsetta blooms. Mrs. C.W. Tarbell poured tea, while at the other end of the dining room table Mrs. F.A. Johansen graciously served coffee.

There were many callers during the afternoon hours.

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MISS ROBERTS BECOMES BRIDE

On December 27 at 3:00 P.M., Miss Mildred Louise Roberts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.C.Roberts, became the bride of Mr. Peter Joseph Wilfred, son of Mrs. Joe Ellis, and Mr. Peter Joseph Wilfred.

The home of the bride had been transformed into a bower of loveliness with holly, mistletoe and palms.

The bride was attired in a costume suit of powder blue, with hat and accessories in darker blue; her corsage was of Talisman roses. Her sister, Miss Elmira Roberts, gowned in dubonnet velvet, attended her. Mr. Wilfred's younger brother Mr. John Charles Ellis of Monroe, Louisiana attended him.

The wedding march was played by Miss Elsie Faget and during the evening Miss Bonnie Berggreen and Miss Earline Roberts sang duets.

The couple will reside in Athens, Georgia after a short honeymoon trip.

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The first Christmas party of the season on the station was given on December 2, when Mrs. J.F.Dinan entertained the Officers' Supper Club. Bridge was played and the winners were Miss Dill, Dr. Faget, and Dr. Johansen.

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Mrs. R.E.Warthen entertained the ladies' afternoon bridge club on Friday December 19. Christmas wreaths were on the door, and there was a Christmas tree, with gifts. The lucky players were Dr. Evans, Mrs. Sharp and Mrs. Engler.

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Mrs. Russell Tice was hostess to the ladies afternoon bridge club on December 5. This proved to be a pleasant afternoon.

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The Officers' Dessert Club met on Tuesday night, December 16 at the home of Mrs. G.H. Faget.